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1. Bernburg (D76): As of 15 December 1946, the Bernburg airfield had been returned to local German authorities, who planned to break up the field.
2. Merseburg (D91): The fencing in of a 2 x 2 kilometer area at the airfield began in late December 1946 and was continuing on 11 January 1947. Sixteen watch towers are to be erected and the fence will be equipped with high tension wiring.
3. Halle (D92): On 20 January 1947 no aircraft were observed on this field, but it is known to be used by courier and postal planes. Installations, hangars and billets are intact and the field is in good condition.
4. Nordhausen (D12): Although the runway of this field was in good condition and deemed suitable for operations when observed between 20 and 22 January, barracks had been dismantled and the field evacuated.
5. Mühlhausen (H89): Barracks dismantled and field evacuated, according to a report dated 20-22 January.
6. Borstel (Y75): On 21 January, there were thirty aircraft at this field, which is believed to contain a fighter pilot school. Training was being given in formation flying and firing on tow targets. This field has not been dismantled, although some parts of the former German parachute unit installations have been shipped out. No jump training was observed.
7. Zerbst (D98): At the end of January, repairs on the runway were halted temporarily due to inclement weather. A Soviet Air Force school is located here. No air activity was observed on 28 and 29 January.

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- C-4 8. Altes Lager (E69): On 5 January, this field was controlled by the 683rd Armored Division (sic). One vehicle of this unit was marked:

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An air force squadron at Altes Lager consists of approximately 300 men. (Layout of the field is indicated on attached map.)

9. Oranienburg (Z67): On 26 January, thirty PE-2's were seen on the field. Some of their cockpits were marked with yellow circles. Only the northern part of the field was being used. The fuel dump contained 150 to 180 barrels of gasoline. No air activity was observed.
10. Wittstock (U11): At the end of January, this field was the scene of great activity, mostly concerned with training flights and courier service. Between seventy and eighty aircraft were observed, the majority of them FW-190's; this estimate also included about twenty R-5's and some LA (number not reported) fighters. The field itself is approximately one kilometer wide and three kilometers long. Hangars and grass runway are in good condition. Searchlight installations are partly fixed and partly mobile. (See attached map.)
11. Neuruppin (Z49): On or about 25 January, the Neuruppin city administration was ordered by the local commander to have the airfield cleared of debris and wrecked aircraft. The administration is also responsible for levelling the runway. It is believed that this field is to be used again.

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Another source reported on 17 January 1947 that the Neuruppin field was being used as a training ground by armored troops.

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12. Rerik (052): [REDACTED] which stated that this field was to be broken up into building lots. The area, covering about 800 Morgen, is to be cultivated as State property, but the SMA has refused permission for the plowing up of the airfield, which covers approximately 420 Morgen. At the end of January, the only Soviet unit in Rerik comprised about 400 men and 1,000 horses. Source does not state whether or not these troops were continuing dismantlement of the airfield hangars and repair shops.
13. Güstrow (T98): Field is being used only by planes capable of landing on a short runway. No repairs had been made on this heavily damaged field up to the end of January.
14. Waren (U25): Field was not being used at the end of January. Five courier planes of a corps headquarters, which formerly used this field, were moved out in December 1946.

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15. Rechlin (U33): The entire Rechlin area was evacuated on Soviet order and cannot be penetrated beyond R8bel (U24). However, it was learned that some demolition work is going on in Rechlin and it is believed these operations, in addition to dismantling, will render the airfield useless. No aircraft were observed in the vicinity at the end of January.
16. Warnemünde (O82): There were no air force units at this field in late January. Barracks are to be turned over to the local German administration.
17. Gorries (T46): Field not in use in January 1947.
18. Grabow (T52): The majority of the Soviet armored troops based on this field departed in December 1946, and only a few small units remain. There was no air activity in late January.
19. Ribnitz (PO3): Field not being used in late January.

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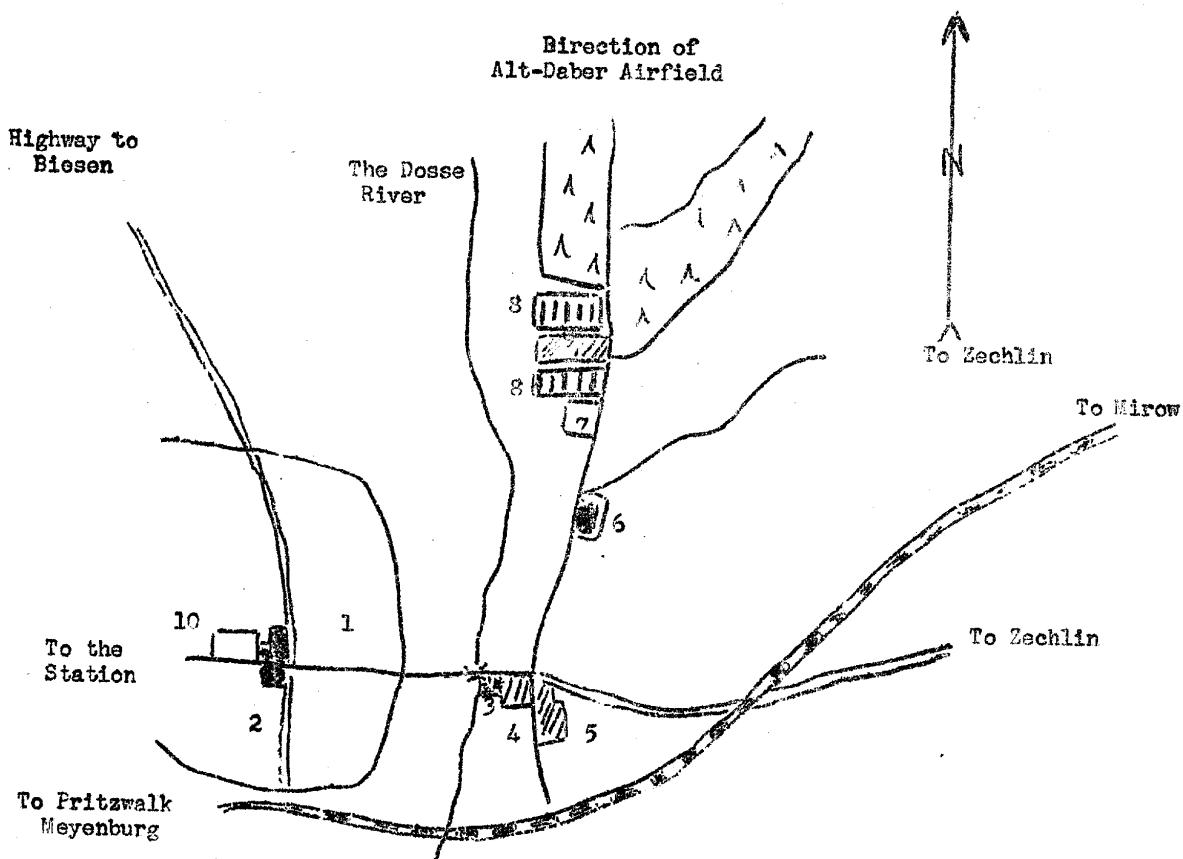
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Map 1

WITTSTOCK

Map of the Komendatura and Artillery Group in Wittstock



Map Key

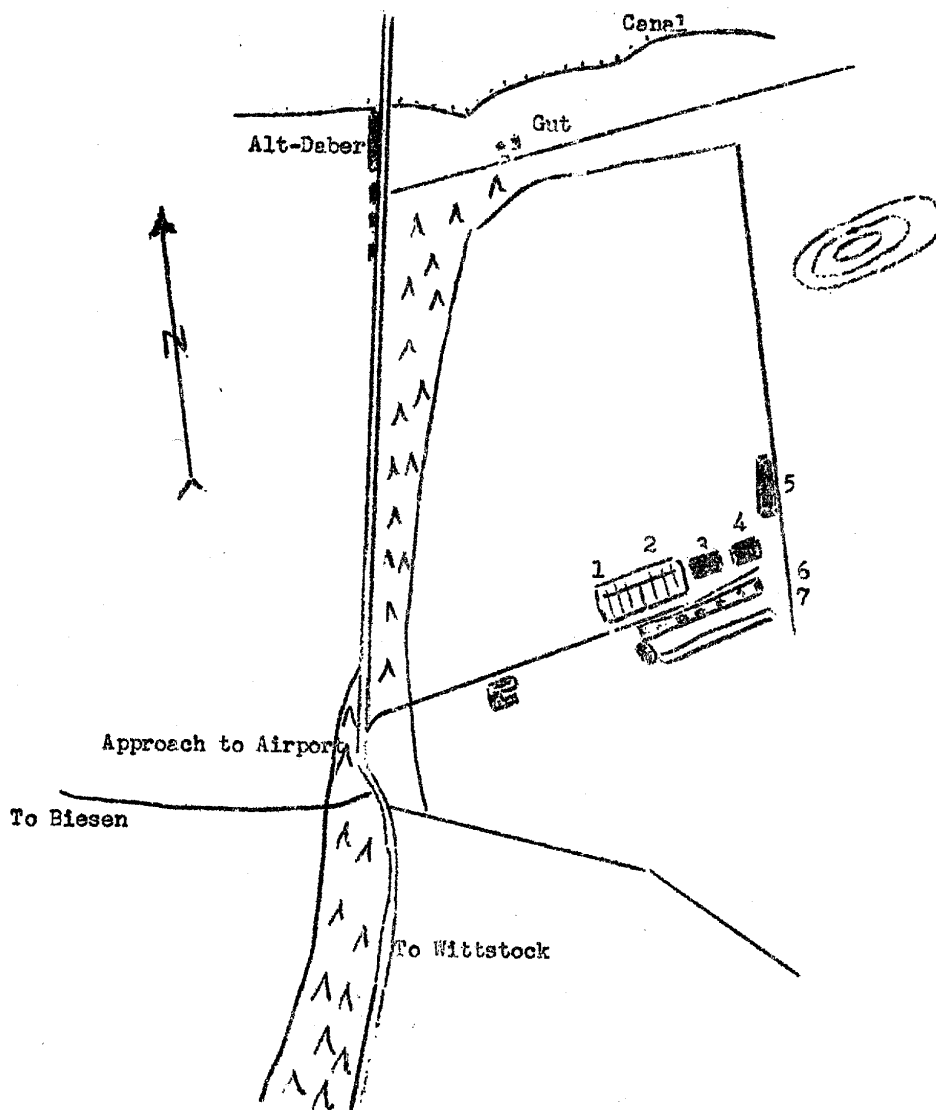
- 1 Rathaus
- 2 Komendatura
- 3 City Mill
- 4 Tuchfabrik Wegener (Textile Factory) - Artillery
- 5 " " " " " "
- 6 Saw Mill
- 7 Training Grounds
- 8 Former Luftwaffe Dwellings
- 9 Parking Place of 80 Limbers for 75.2mm guns
- 10 Market Place

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WITTSTOCK AIRFIELD

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- 1 Hanger (Werft)
- 2 Hanger (Werft)
- 3,4,5 Hangars
- 6 Billets
- 7 Billets and Supply

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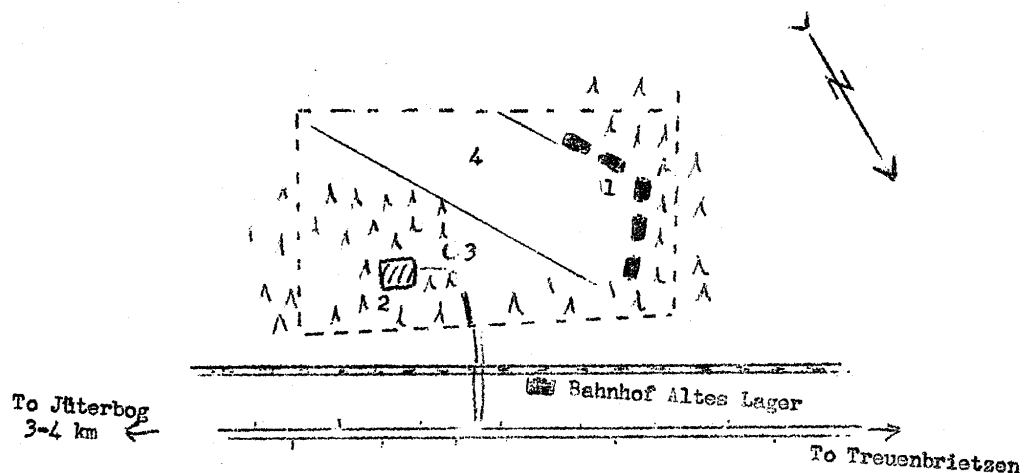
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Map 3

ALTES LAGER AIRFIELD



- 1 Hangars
- 2 Fuel Dump
- 3 Radio Station
- 4 Runway

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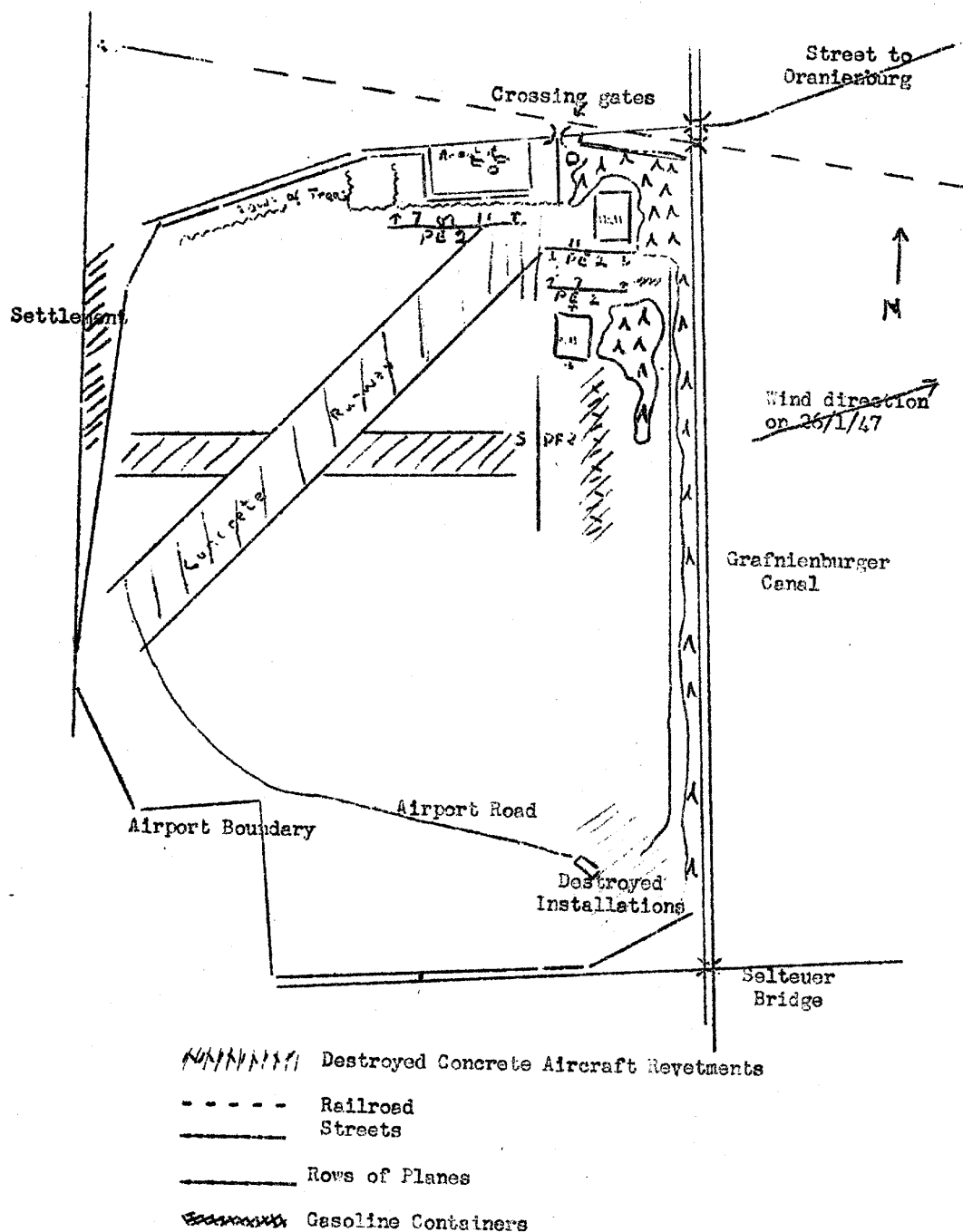
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Oranienburg Airport



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